

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Final Office Action dated August 30, 2007 has been received and its contents have been carefully reviewed.

Claim 32 is objected to by the Examiner. Claims 10-18 and 26-33 are rejected to by the Examiner. Claims 10-18, 27, 30 and 33 have been canceled. Claims 26, 28, 31 and 32 have been amended. Claims 35-42 have been added. Accordingly, claims 26, 28, 29, 31-32 and 35-42 are currently pending. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claim 32 is objected to because of the informalities. Claim 32 has been amended.

In the Office Action, claim 33 is rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraphs. Claim 33 has been canceled.

In the Office Action, claims 10, 11, 13-15 and 18 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' admitted prior art (AAPA) in view of US 6, 383, 048 to Yang et al. claims 26-30 and 31, 32 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over AAPA in view of US 5,811,177 to Shie et al. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over AAPA and Yang et al. and further in view of US 6,195,142 to Gyotoku et al. Claims 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over AAPA and Yang et al. and futher in view of US 6,180,176 to Gledhill et al.

Claims 10-18, 27, 30 and 33 are currently cancelled.

The rejection of claims 26 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 26 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 26 recites a combination of elements including, for example, “a metal thin film provided at the inner side of the seal cover plate to transfer heat; a moisture-absorbing agent provided at the inner side of a portion of the metal thin film opposed to the metal electrode to absorb moisture and oxygen from the electro-luminescent layer”. AAP A and Shie et al., wether taken singly or in any combination, fail to teach or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention.

The rejection of claims 31 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 31 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 31 recites a combination of elements including, for example, “a metal thin film provided at the inner side of the seal cover plate to transfer heat, the metal thin film expose a portion of the seal cover plate to provide a moisture-absorbing agent at the inner side of the seal cover plate; a sealant for adhering an edge of the flat seal cover plate and the metal thin film to the transparent substrate, said sealant having a space for injecting an inactive gas, wherein an entire surface of the metal thin film contacts the flat seal cover plate; the moisture-absorbing agent provided at the exposed portion of the flat seal cover plate opposed to the metal electrode to absorb moisture and oxygen from the electro-luminescent layer”. AAPA and Shie et al., whether taken singly or in any combination, fail teach or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention.

The rejection of claims 32 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 32 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 32 recites a combination of elements including, for example, “a metal thin film provided at the inner side of the seal cover plate to transfer heat, the metal thin film expose a portion of the seal cover plate to provide a moisture-absorbing agent at the inner side of the seal cover plate; a sealant for adhering an edge of the flat seal cover plate to the transparent substrate, said sealant having a space for injecting an inactive gas, wherein an entire surface of the metal thin film contacts the flat seal cover plate; the moisture-absorbing agent provided at the exposed portion of the flat seal cover plate opposed to the metal electrode to absorb moisture and oxygen from the electro-luminescent layer”. AAPA and Shie et al. whether taken singly or in any combination, fail to teach or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention.

The rejection of claims 28, 29 and 35-42 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 28, 29 and 35-42 depend from claim 26, 31 or 32.

CONCLUSION

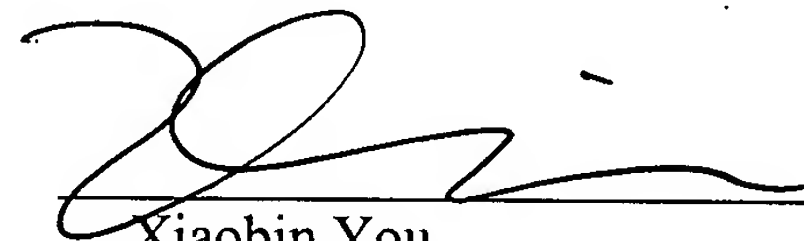
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

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Respectfully submitted,

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